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**SUBJECT:** Request for Comments at Steps 6 and 3 on Matters Arising from the Codex Committee on Food  
Additives and Contaminants

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## BACKGROUND

1. The 26<sup>th</sup> Session (July 2003) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission adopted (ALINORM 03/41, Appendix IV) several proposed draft texts forwarded by the 33<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants for preliminary adoption at Step 5. Comments submitted at Step 6 in response to this Circular Letter will be considered at the forthcoming 36<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants (Rotterdam, March 2004).
2. In addition, the 26<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission returned the draft maximum levels for Ochratoxin A in raw wheat, barley, rye and derived products to Step 6 for further work by the 36<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants (ALINORM 03/41, para. 47).
3. The 26<sup>th</sup> Session also returned the draft proposed maximum levels for cadmium in various commodities to Step 3 for further consideration by the 36<sup>th</sup> Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants (ALINORM 03/41, para. 126).

**REQUEST FOR COMMENTS**

4. Governments and international organizations are invited to comment at Step 6, as directed above, on the following draft Codex texts elaborated by the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants:

- Draft Risk Analysis Principles applied by the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants (ALINORM 03/12A, para. 28 and Appendix IV);
- Draft Revised Food Category System of the General Standard for Food Additives (ALINORM 03/12A, para. 51 and Appendix II);
- Draft Principles for Exposure Assessment of Contaminants and Toxins in Foods (ALINORM 03/12A, para. 119 and Appendix VIII);
- Draft Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Aflatoxin Contamination in Peanuts (ALINORM 03/12A, para. 136 and Appendix XI);
- Draft Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Lead Contamination in Food (ALINORM 03/12A, para. 152 and Appendix XII);
- Draft Maximum Level for Ochratoxin A in Raw Wheat, Barley, and Rye and Derived Products (ALINORM 03/12, para. 114 and Appendix IX).

5. Governments and international organizations are invited to comment at Step 3, as directed above, on the following proposed draft Codex texts elaborated by the Codex Committee on Food Additives and Contaminants:

- Proposed draft levels for cadmium in various commodities (ALINORM 03/12A, para. 165 and Appendix XIV).